

Fellow AAC Members,

With the Army Transforming, so will the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC). The purpose of this message is to illustrate some important changes and how they affect the AAC. First, let me restate our mission and my intent.

Our Mission and Vision:

“Supporting an Army at war is critical both tactically and strategically. Our primary focus is on reducing risk to our Soldiers so they can accomplish their mission safely and effectively and return home. As we meet our ongoing requirements, we are also looking to the future to support an Army at war from a strategic standpoint. . . This will be a key factor in our maintaining the most capable, most powerful, and most respected Army the world has ever known.”

– Hon. Claude M. Bolton Jr.
Army Acquisition Executive

“My Intent”: The Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) shall transform itself in accordance with the Chief of Staff of the Army’s guidance, *Transformation Road Map 2004*.

- To be successful in this endeavor we shall develop Doctrine, Training, Leader Development, Organizations, Materiel, Personnel and Facilities (DTLOMS-PF) solutions that fully integrate the AAC as a core capability within the Army and Joint war fighting community, to include: validation as a Branch and/or a core capability; building a Proponency and strategic alliances with G-3, G-4, G-6, and G-8, the Army Knowledge environment, the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Army Materiel Command (AMC), the Army Logistics Enterprise, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC); and full participation and integration in common military decision making processes (MDMP) at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels.
- The AAC shall develop flexible acquisition officers and civilian leaders that possess a diverse and well-rounded background in the supporting functions and phases of acquisition who are prepared to lead any complex, multi-functional acquisition command, agency, organization, or team supported by a functionally expert, relevant, and ready workforce.
- The critical outcomes of the AAC Transformation will be a well-developed core capability in acquiring the “M” in DTLOMS-PF, i.e., materiel, sustainment and service solutions for the Current and Future Force that possesses a joint, multi-agency, and multi-national footprint with an equally critical mission to provide full spectrum acquisition support, inserting those materiel and service solutions across the full spectrum of military operations.
- Included in this core Army capability are all elements of the AAC workforce, i.e., military and civilian, contractors on the battlefield, and in-the-zone industrial base participants.”

Our plans to accomplish this:

Deployment Cell:

ASC has developed this cell to manage deployment tasks/volunteers/names. Use of the newly developed Special Projects Office (SPO)-Tracker, will help ASC capture deployed personnel data in one database. The reality is that AAC members will rotate into deployment theaters multiple times. Stabilization/stability does not exist in the current real world environment. Your family will experience stabilization to the maximum extent possible under the Regionalization Plan; however AAC officers/civilians have an increased probability of filling Individual Augmentation (6 month rotations) requirements more frequently than they have experienced in the past. Additionally, Iraq and Afghanistan have become one year PCS assignments, forcing family stabilization decisions on staying or moving to follow on duty station.

Multiple AOC Certifications:

Be prepared to work across our AAC disciplines. No longer will an AAC member be single tracked in one career path. The AAC requires officers with a breadth of experience and knowledge across the areas of concentration/disciplines in order to provide the AAC with flexible and knowledgeable leaders. The only exception may be the 51S discipline. However, even as a 51S you will be assigned to the Corps and Divisional level. 51S deployability will remain equal to that of other AOCs.

Regionalization:

The regionalization policy is designed to provide stability to junior and field grade officers, while maximizing professional development. Officers assigned to regional locations can expect 36-48 months of stabilization and 18-24 month assignments within the region.

Organizations are chartered to take into account every consideration before deploying AAC members. Military and civilian volunteers have and should be considered in every deployment. Current deployments have increased the OPTEMPO for the military members tremendously. Continued opportunity for civilian volunteers to fill a deployment requirement must be maximized.

In closing, I want to emphasize how challenging times are for the Army and the AAC. I appreciate all your support to the war fighter and the Army mission. The AAC continues to be an integral part of the success in the Global War On Terrorism. Please be flexible and mission focused as the AAC provides this world class support to our Army.



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